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PRESS RELEASE

RECENT JURY TRIAL:

A jury found **Richard Broyles, Jr.**, 45, of Kekaha, guilty of Assault in the Second Degree, Terroristic Threatening in the First Degree and Attempted Assault in the Third Degree after a four day trial at Circuit Court in Lihue. The jury returned its verdict on Thursday, October 6, 2005 after deliberating for parts of Wednesday and Thursday.

Broyles was convicted of intentionally or knowingly causing substantial bodily injury to Matthew McNeary, threatening McNeary on more than on occasion for the same or similar purpose, and attempting to cause bodily injury to McNeary. All of the offenses occurred on August 12, 2004. Broyles went to McNeary's apartment and told him several times that McNeary was dead. Broyles also threw a bike at McNeary in an attempt to injure him. Later in the day, McNeary went to the store and Broyles attacked McNeary causing injuries that required stitching and an overnight stay in the hospital.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Winn represented the State. Gilbert Peter

Kea represented Broyles. Judge Kathleen Watanabe presided over the trial. Sentencing is set for December 15, 2005. Broyles faces the possibility of five years jail for each felony offense and one year jail for the misdemeanor (attempted assault in the third degree).